

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1 - 4, 6 and 8 - 10 is noted with appreciation.

Most of the examiner's objections under 35 USC 112 have been complied with and those claims are believed to be allowable.

With respect to claims 13, 14, 15 and 16 and the phrase "said at least one clamping area", Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants call the examiner's attention to claim 11, on which the claims referred to above depend, which has in line 3, the phrase "at least one clamping area".

Applicants maintain that the presence of that phrase in claims 13 - 16 is therefore supported and the claims are allowable.

Claims 5 and 7 have been corrected for antecedents and both depend on allowed claim 3. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that they also are now allowable.

Since the three month period ended on Saturday, June 11, 2005,

Applicants submit that this response is timely.

For the foregoing reasons, allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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